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A WORD FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT*

- ANN D. NEVILL

Thank you - I think - for electing me President of CHLA/ABSC. Just at present I'm feeling totally unqualified for the job, but perhaps by the next issue of BMC some light will have dawned.

Immediately following the Annual General Meeting in Montreal we held a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Boards, which I felt was quite productive. New officers are listed on the final page of this issue, as usual. In addition, Special Committee Convenors have been set up as follows:

Continuing Education:	Gale Moore
Nominations:	Verla Empey
Constitution and History:	Eileen Bradley
MLA Liaison:	Bonnie Stableford
Consumer Health:	Joanne Marshall
Membership:	Germain Chouinard
IFLA Delegate:	Frances Groen

I am sure I can speak for the convenors in suggesting that they would welcome volunteers to serve on their committees. If you are interested, please write, either directly to the convenors, or to me. Also, if you are interested in forming a committee on any topic, please let me know. The Board plans to meet again in Ottawa in early October, and we shall welcome any ideas for more committees, or projects proposed by members.

If all goes well, you should have received a questionnaire enclosed with this issue of BMC, arising from discussion at the Board meeting. It was felt that some lead-in time on the executive would be helpful for the President, hence the proposed change in the by-laws as indicated on the questionnaire.

We also have the constant Canadian problem of regional representation to consider. You will note that there is currently no Board member from the West. Chapter Presidents will be contacted with a suggested remedy to this situation, and for their views and advice. Within the year we hope to work out a plan to ensure that all regions have an equal voice in the organization.

It was a successful conference this year. Jean Fensom and Margaret Taylor are to be congratulated, as well as everyone who worked so hard on the programme and local arrangements. I wish you could all have been there. By the next issue we should be able to let you know of preliminary plans for next year.

*EDITORS' NOTE: in lieu of the editorial

MOT DE LA NOUVELLE PRESIDENTE *

- ANN D. NEVILL

Je vous remercie de m'avoir élue présidente de l'ABSC/CHLA. Je dois avouer qu'à l'heure actuelle, je doute avoir les qualifications pour occuper ce poste. Cependant, il est probable que lors de la publication du prochain numéro de BMC, je me sentirai plus à l'aise.

Immédiatement après l'assemblée générale annuelle à Montréal, nous avons convoqué une réunion conjointe des nouveaux membres et des membres sortants du conseil. Cette réunion fut, à mon avis, très fructueuse. En dernière page, vous trouverez les noms des nouveaux membres du bureau de direction. Voici la liste des responsables des comités spéciaux:

Education permanente:	Gale Moore
Nomination:	Verla Empey
Constitution et historique:	Eileen Bradley
Liaison avec la MLA:	Bonita Stableford
Santé des consommateurs:	Joanne Marshall
Recrutement:	Germain Chouinard
Déléguée à la FIAB:	Frances Groen

Au nom des responsables des différents comités, je me permets de souhaiter la bienvenue à tous les bénévoles intéressés à participer à l'un ou l'autre des comités; vous pouvez écrire aux responsables ou encore me faire parvenir vos noms. Si vous désirez former un comité autre que ceux déjà mentionnés, veuillez m'en informer. Les membres du conseil prévoient se réunir derechef à Ottawa au début du mois d'octobre. Nous accueillerons à cette occasion les suggestions concernant les nouveaux comités ainsi que les projets proposés par les membres.

Si tout fonctionne comme prévu, vous devriez recevoir ci-joint un questionnaire où vous trouverez les changements que le conseil se propose d'apporter aux règlements de la constitution.

Nous devons aussi tenir compte du problème constant de la représentation régionale au Canada. Un fait à remarquer: il y a peu de membres du conseil qui viennent des provinces de l'Ouest. Nous demanderons l'avis des présidents des sections à ce sujet, ainsi que ce qu'ils entendent faire pour remédier à la situation. Au cours de l'année, nous espérons trouver un moyen de s'assurer que chacune des régions a droit de parole en ce qui a trait à notre association.

La conférence de cette année fut un succès. J'aurais souhaité que vous puissiez tous être présents. Nous voulons féliciter tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à l'organisation locale et au programme, plus spécialement Jean Fensom et Margaret Taylor. Dans le prochain numéro, nous devrions être en mesure de vous informer sur les projets préliminaires pour l'année qui vient.

* NOTE DE LA REDACTION: ...en guise d'éditorial.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT : CHLA/ABSC ANNUAL REPORT - 1980-1981

- MARTHA B. STONE

I sincerely wish that I were able to present a review of the year's activities of CHLA/ABSC with the same enthusiasm that I felt, and indeed commented upon, at the end of the Annual General Meeting held in Vancouver last year. At that point in time, the New Year held a sense of promise and purpose based upon a commonly shared set of priorities and programs which we all felt of importance.

I come to you at our Fifth Annual General Meeting to say that the past year has been one basically of "holding on". It is due to a large measure to the lack of leadership given by the President, who was unable to function in a manner which would give direction and guidance to the program for 1980-81. As you may remember, I advised you at the last AGM that I had changed positions from that of Departmental Librarian for Health and Welfare Canada, to that of Associate Director of Information Sciences for the International Development Research Centre. What I did not appreciate then, was that the change in my duties impacted greatly upon my terms of reference as President of CHLA/ABSC. The discretionary time normally required to serve a dynamic voluntary organization was no longer available. For, not only have I been out of the country over 50% of the time since our last meeting, but the time required to prepare for my travel duties, both before and after, meant that there was absolutely no opportunity to devote time to the development of a program for CHLA/ABSC. This has been a major problem and for that I am fully responsible.

One may ask would it not have been better to have resigned? Certainly this option was considered by me at several points during the year. However, after discussions with individuals whose judgement I greatly respect, I decided that it was better to remain President to the end of my term and provide some sense of continuity to the Association and its activities. As well, it must be remembered that one individual does not an association make, and I must sincerely thank the members of the Board of Directors for the support they have given and for the diligent effort that has been provided to carry on the activities of the Association.

There have been several other factors which have also had negative ramifications on the programs of this association. During the year, the Membership Chairman, Eve-Marie Lacroix, changed her position within CISTI and has moved from the Head of the Health Science Resource Centre to Chief of Information Services. This means that she too has left the field of health sciences information, and can no longer play an active role in CHLA/ABSC. Secondly, although Sandra Duchow has not left the field of Health Sciences, due to pressure of work, she was unable to continue as Chairman of the 1981 Conference Committee. Fortunately, she was able to assist in the identification of an excellent Chairman who had been active on the original Conference Committee. A sincere vote of thanks must be given to Jean Fensom who responded magnificently in a very difficult situation.

The problems have been major, but even with these difficulties the Association has continued to thrive. The energies and dedication of the present Board of Directors and the Chapter Presidents are responsible for this. Indeed, one can feel comfortable in the fact that the premises upon which this Association has been built is that the grass roots level must be developed and become the backbone of the Association; for without this structure in place

the CHLA/ABSC cannot exist.

There has been a great deal of discussion at our Board Meetings about the priorities of this Association. Specifically, whether our focus should be inward or outward looking, or, if it is possible to look in both directions at the same time. An example of this was our involvement with the Fourth International Congress on Medical Librarianship held in Belgrade last year. In one of the recent issues of the Association's BMC, I spoke about the impact of the recommendations from this meeting on the future program and direction of CHLA/ABSC. In addition, our Publications Chairman decided to print the recommendations themselves as a supplementary issue to the BMC. (I hope you have had the opportunity to read this document). It is my considered opinion that the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada must play an active if small role in the realization of these recommendations. As you know, through the un-failing efforts of Frances Groen (McGill), money was obtained from CIDA for the financing of 12 librarians from developing countries to participate in the Belgrade meeting. All who were involved considered this an extremely worthwhile and beneficial experience.

It is hoped that from the various committee reports which will be presented, today, you will gather an appreciation for the activities which have been undertaken this year.

My closing comment is one of hope and sense of renewed expectation. The new Board, with its strong membership and your strong new President, will be able to steer the Association in new directions which I am confident will allow it to be effective in its mandate and will be regarded as a truly viable and exciting Association to which all of us are proud to be active members.

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Dear Sir:

The Future of the National Library

The Canadian Health Libraries Association has now had an opportunity to discuss the National Library's final report on the Role of the National Library and to consider the comments made on it by the Canadian Library Association.

We strongly agree with the Canadian Library Association's response in general, and in particular we wish to register our view that any changes of function or transfer of responsibilities be carefully evaluated and not be acted upon without discussion with and input from users of the services involved.

In general our Association is satisfied with the National collection in the health sciences and with the priority given to document delivery by the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information. The Canadian Health Libraries Association is very concerned that any transfer of functions from the National Research Council to the National Library would result in the special requirements of the users of health libraries being submerged into the more general concerns of users of the National Library. Users of health science libraries in Canada range from researchers using sophisticated "national resource collections" to users of small libraries in primary health care facilities. These libraries are linked in both formal and informal networks and receive valuable support from the Health Sciences Resource Centre at CISTI. The role of this centre should be strengthened

and we oppose any transfer of functions to the National Library until there has been a full and frank examination of the effects of this transfer on the Health Sciences Resource Centre and other services of CISTI, all of which serve a vital role in the provision of quality health information to Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

Martha B. Stone
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President

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March 31, 1981

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Dear Ms. Stone:

Thank you for your letter dated February 4, expressing your Association's support in general for the position taken by the Canadian Library Association with respect to the recommendations contained in the National Librarian's report entitled The Future of the National Library.

I was certainly interested to be informed of the concerns of the Canadian Health Libraries Association in this regard, and I can assure you that your comments will be carefully considered before any action based on Dr. Sylvestre's recommendations is taken.

As you know, the National Librarian's report discusses complex issues such as the respective roles of the Public Archives and the National Library. It also raises a number of comprehensive concerns with regard to the formation of various proposed networks. I can assure you that the users and the library community in general will be consulted if any changes are to be made to the actual arrangements between the National Library and other institutions. In this regard, the views of your Association on the relationship between the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information and the users of health science libraries in Canada are both useful and timely.

I should mention, too, that the recommendations of the National Librarian are being examined at a time when another report, entitled Canada Archives, is also under review, and when a new Archives Act is being prepared. Moreover, these actions coincide with the review of federal cultural policies. If this particular situation does not enable us to follow up rapidly on the recommendations of the above-mentioned reports, it does give us a chance to examine important issues within a broader

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framework. Although the specific recommendations proposed in The Future of the National Library of Canada are already under consideration, the government must examine such proposals not only in relation to the needs of a young and growing cultural agency, but also in relation to the actual state of the economy in Canada.

Yours sincerely,



Francis Fox

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- CHAIRMAN: DAVID S. CRAWFORD

Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana

This year was the first year of the two-year term as Editors for Pierrette Dubuc and Arlene Greenberg of Montreal. Their report is attached and gives some idea of the work involved in editing the BMC. The Association has been fortunate in having such dedicated Editors but I would like to repeat the plea made in the Annual Report for 1979/80 and reiterated by the Board at its November 1980 meeting. In order for the BMC to fully serve the Members of the CHLA it is necessary to have contributions from more members and, in particular, for the officers of the Association to more fully use the pages of BMC to keep the Membership informed of current issues. It is hoped that the new Board will make full use of the BMC in the year ahead.

CANHEALTH/SANTE CANADA

Despite the hopes expressed in last year's report and the progress reported by the author of this work at the November 1980 meeting of the Board, it is unfortunately still delayed. This is seen as a very necessary project as the book will serve as a unique Canadian source. The manuscript may be ready in time for the Board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting but if not perhaps the author, Mrs. Martha Stone may be able to release the manuscript in its present form so that the final details can be completed and the book published over the summer.

History of Health Libraries in Canada

A full report on this work will be submitted by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee but it seems appropriate to note here that some of the problems encountered in bringing this project to a successful conclusion seem to spring from the lack of clear contract arrangements between the author, the Dalhousie University School of Library Service and this Association. It is strongly recommended that in future, publishing ventures of the Association be carefully assessed so that the responsibilities of all parties be clearly understood in advance.

Mailing list

This year has seen the mailing list maintenance fully moved to Montreal where Mrs. Elaine Waddington has assumed responsibility for it. The list is now run on the McGill University MUSIC system and the Association is now able to receive lists, labels and geographic listings of its Members. As the BMC is distributed from Montreal the labels being produced there is useful. Should the printing of BMC be moved from Montreal in the future it is recommended that the mailing list be maintained in Montreal due to the costs involved in creating new data bases and the high possibility for error.

BMC's Editors report

This report will give a summary of the number of issues and pages of Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana published since we took over as editors last June. We will also state some queries and problems we have faced over the past year.

Report of issues and pages:

Volume 2, no. 4, 1980	24 pages
Volume 2, no. 5, 1980	28 pages
Volume 2, no. 6, 1981	36 pages
Volume 2, no. 7, 1981	24 pages

We were very pleased that one full issue of BMC (volume 2, no. 5) was devoted to the single topic of Consumer Health Education in Canada. This was largely due to the efforts of Joanne Marshall and Claire Callaghan, who prepared this issue by sending out a questionnaire to health librarians across Canada who are involved in Consumer Health Education. It was a very informative issue.

It was our understanding that every issue of BMC was to have a presidential report. In the four issues we have put out, only two have carried a presidential report. Is there any policy on this for the coming year ?

This June, we begin a new volume of BMC to correspond with the membership year. We are now faced with the problem that we have run out of articles and need new contributions for the upcoming issues. We hope to recruit some writers at the meeting.

We have found that a lot of time is being spent in typing the issue. We are looking for a typist but so far, have come up dry.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of CHLA, May 1981 by Arlene Greenberg and Pierrette Dubuc.

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REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL HISTORY PROJECT

Last year at the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, the Association gave its support to a submission by Doreen Fraser for the publication of a History of Medical Libraries and Librarianship in Canada. This was considered a new and special project for the Association.

The Board at that time also appointed an Advisory Committee, consisting of Anna Leith, Audrey Kerr and Eileen Bradley, with instructions to work with Doreen and advise the Board so that the project might be kept to schedule.

During the past year, the work of the Advisory Committee has consisted of such an activity. We quickly discovered that this was a very large undertaking for an Association of our size and geographical distribution. However, we believe that it is an undertaking of which the Association can be justly proud and will in time prove of great value to the Medical Library Community.

Therefore, while we are still struggling with some of the initial problems, we are also looking for solutions which will bring the work finally to a fruitful conclusion.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON H.S.R.C. REPORT

CHAIRMAN: C. WILLIAM FRASER

The semi-annual meeting of the HSRC Advisory Committee was held at the Park Regent Hotel in Montreal on Tuesday, May 26th. Present at the meeting were Bonita Stableford, secretary; Ann Nevill, ACMC representative; Diane Thomson, a new CHLA representative; Bill Fraser, chairman, also representing CHLA; Elmer Smith, Director of CISTI. Unable to attend was Anna Leith, CHLA and Bernard Bédard, representing ASTED.

Continuing Education Courses

Two topics discussed could form the basis of continuing education courses developed by CHLA. HSRC has done some extensive investigation of sources of Canadian health statistics and would be willing to assist CHLA in preparing a course. The subject of the use of AACR2 in NLM cataloguing might also best be handled by a CHLA course.

Publications

Copies of General Biomedical Reference Tools: Canadian Supplement: May, 1981, prepared by the HSRC staff were distributed and received favourable comment. The second edition of the directory Health Sciences Information in Canada, Libraries will probably be published by CISTI by 1982. The HSRC staff has done considerable work in two other areas where publications might be useful: Canadian serials in the health field of which over 600 titles have been identified and a survey of Canadian health organizations both national and provincial. These two projects are not at present likely to be funded by CISTI. The committee discussed ways in which this information collected might be made available to the health library community.

Assembling material for Health Sciences Serials on Order takes up a great deal of HSRC staff time. The question of how useful this publication is was discussed. It was suggested that the information might be put on Can-Ole. It was decided to canvas the subscribers to find out how much HSSO is used.

Medline

There was considerable discussion on access to Medline in Canada through CISTI or through commercial vendors. CHLA members with opinions on this issue should let Advisory Committee members or HSRC staff know them.

Medline training courses given by HSRC staff are including more time for "hands-on" experience. A preliminary one day course for prospective users of Medline being given by MLA is being examined by Mrs. Stableford. It is again possible that CHLA might be involved in sponsoring such a course in Canada.

Public relations

Members felt that HSRC needs to be more visible and suggested that one way of doing this was to exhibit at conferences of health professionals. The broad responsibility of the Health Sciences Resource Center for health libraries in Canada was emphasized throughout the Advisory Committee meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE CHLA/ABSC CHAPTERS

BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

The second year of the B.C. Health Libraries Association has been one of steady growth. We signed up our fiftieth member and more than twenty institutions are represented.

The first general meeting in October, beginning with a Chinese dinner, resulted in the establishment of six committees that have worked well throughout the year. The second meeting in January was held at the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of B.C. where Kathy Ellis is the librarian. Members heard about the work of the Foundation and had demonstrated to them the many aids for the disabled that are now available. The March meeting was held in Victoria where Dr. Martin Collis in a very novel and entertaining fashion presented some facts about nutrition, exercise and life styles. Final meeting of the year took the form of a social evening and dinner held at the B.C. Medical Library Service.

Committees:

The Hospital Libraries Committee chaired by Sue Absinger conducted a survey of hospital libraries in B.C. in May of 1980. The results of the survey were incorporated in a brief to the Ministry of Health pointing out the inadequacies of B.C. hospital libraries in staffing, collections and budgets. A slide-tape presentation outlining the points in the brief was prepared for a meeting of the Committee with the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Professional and Institutional Services. Support for the BCHLA position at this meeting was obtained from a physician and from an assistant director of nursing.

The meeting resulted in the formation of a library sub-committee to the Health Education Resource Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Health. Sue Absinger has been appointed to chair this library sub-committee. It seems that progress has been made.

The Health Education Committee chaired by Judy Neill has been active in looking at policies of various libraries, both health-related and public, on health education. The committee has drawn up a questionnaire to send to libraries in B.C. to determine how policies differ and how libraries might cooperate in this important field.

The Program Committee, chaired by Barbara Parker, having done a fine job in programs for the current year are now studying directives from the Executive regarding a balance of programs for the coming year. To be determined is the interest in library-related programs as against health-related ones.

The Continuing Education Committee chaired by Barbara Saint, has come up with a list of suggestions for one-day seminars to be presented for the membership. They are currently planning a session involving B.C.'s Knowledge Network, adult education television programming.

The Union List of Serials Committee is examining the problems of financing and will bring forward some suggestions to the new executive.

The Constitution Committee to be chaired by Sharon Robertson will struggle with the problems of working in order to meet the requirements of the provincial Societies Act. A revised constitution will be presented to the membership next year.

FEES:

Annual membership fees which have been \$7.00 since the formation of the chapter are being raised to \$12.00. The 1981-82 executive will be David Noble, president; Sharon Robertson, president-elect; Geri Beddowes, secretary; Deborah Newstead, treasurer. Retiring from the executive is

Bill Fraser. Barbara Sanderson replaces Sue Abzinger as editor of the BCHLA News.

Respectfully submitted,
C. William Fraser
President

MANITOBA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Two Years Later - Looking Back; Annual Report for 1980/81

When first approached to allow my name to stand for president of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association I refused, doubting seriously that this could be achieved from outside the nucleus and stronghold of the association in Winnipeg. When further pressed however, I decided that the aims of the association, namely "to promote the provision of quality library service to the health community in Manitoba" warranted at least an attempt and allowed my name to stand. I made it clear to my nominators that one of my main objectives would be to widen the outlook of the association. The members had in fact always showed a willingness in this direction but having a rural president would hopefully present a different perspective. Just how much has been achieved in this respect it is hard to say, but one senses that there is a greater awareness of the provincial scene as a whole. Certainly, the long distance account of the Manitoba Telephone System has been a beneficiary!

A successful presidency administered 210 km away from the centre depends almost entirely on having fellow Executive Officers who are willing to shoulder more than their share of legwork. I owe a great debt in this regard to fellow officers of the past 2 years. I was joined this year by a second non-Winnipeg officer, and for the coming year we will have yet another rural officer. Much of the credit for the increase in rural memberships is due to the Extension Services of the University of Manitoba Medical Library, whose librarians over the years have encouraged the smaller centres to join MHLA.

Our pattern of activities has remained the same for the year 1980/81. We held three general meetings, two in Winnipeg and one in Portage La Prairie, dealing both with business and programme, including a talk on mental retardation programmes and services in Manitoba and a tour of the newest hospital in the province - Seven Oaks General Hospital in Winnipeg.

In addition, we again participated in the annual conference of the Manitoba Health Organizations and, with their continued financial assistance, tackled the subject of professional knowledge and the nursing profession and the place of the health library and health librarians in the provision of this knowledge. The keynote speaker for this session was Bonita Stableford, followed by a reaction panel of subject specialists. Bonnie also brought along her portable terminal and was able to provide a brief MEDLINE demonstration at the end of the day.

Plans for the 1981 MHO/MHLA Conference are already underway, centering around the theme of Health in the 80's; enabling the disabled. A very interesting programme is anticipated.

The work of the standing committees has continued apace; without them the association would simply cease to function, and I would like to thank them for the many hours of work which they have contributed. Because of their efforts, the more visible aspects of the association emerge--the News, the serials holdings file and Directory; it is the continuing interest and verve demonstrated in these small groups which allow these and other "happenings".

Another useful programme has been the Current Awareness service; an up-to-date account of this is to be found in BMC v.2, no. 7, 1981: 193.

A new edition of Selected Books and Journals for Health Libraries in Manitoba is in the editorial stage and due for release in July of this year. The first edition sold widely and sold out relatively rapidly; we believe the second edition will be a further improvement.

A major task for the 1980/81 year has been the Task Force on Shared Services in Manitoba Health Libraries, charged with making recommendations on future action to be taken by MHLA with regard to the creation of a formal health library consortium in Manitoba. A preliminary report has been received from them; as a result, the decision was taken by the association to establish a Union Book Catalogue of member libraries. We anticipate this project to swing into full gear during the coming year.

Once again, the association has contributed to the annual Manitoba Health Manpower Report survey, reporting on health library workers.

One major new accomplishment has been the drafting of Guidelines by all committees, covering membership, duties and responsibilities. This has been an invaluable exercise, providing an opportunity for each committee to examine its function and for the Executive to review the total programme of the association. These Guidelines will be available for the incoming committee chairpersons as they commence a new year.

Membership this year has increased from the 42 reported in 1979/80 to 57 in 1980/81, a significant increase. Of the 57 members, 34 are institutional, 5 associate and 18 personal. Of the 34 institutional members, 13 are outside Winnipeg, while 1 associate member is non-Winnipeg based and one out of the province. One personal member is from rural Manitoba. We are particularly encouraged to see the increase in rural memberships; as an association it behooves us to ensure that our programmes and services remain relevant to both urban and rural needs.

The Executive for this past year has been:

President: Kathy Eagleton
Director of Library Services
Brandon General Hospital, Brandon

President-Elect:
Marilyn Hernandez
Chief Librarian
Manitoba Dept. of Health Library, Winnipeg

Secretary: Bea Zwiep
Memorial Library
Manitoba School for Retardates, Portage La Prairie

Treasurer: Rita Shreiber
The Library
Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg

For the year 1981/82, the officers will be:

President: Marilyn Hernandez

President-Elect:
Dallas Bagby
St. Boniface General Hospital
Medical Library, Winnipeg

Secretary: Colleen Brown
Bethel Hospital, Winkler

Treasurer: Leone Banks
St. Boniface General Hospital
School of Nursing Library

The last word must go to the administrators of the many institutions who continue to assist our "shoe string" organization. Without their moral support our aims would be unachievable.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Eagleton
President

WINDSOR AREA HEALTH LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

Editors' Note: Unfortunately, we did not get the report in time to publish in this issue of BMC. It will be published in BMC when we get it.

TORONTO MEDICAL LIBRARIES GROUP

The Toronto Medical Libraries Group had a very active, productive and rewarding year, from our first meeting on October 20th, 1980 to our Annual meeting on May 11th, 1981.

With the resignation of the incoming president in August 1980, the president-elect took over the duties and responsibilities of this office. However, with this change, a realignment and addition of the Executive Committee was necessary. The following changes in our Constitution were made to correspond with these changes.

Constitutional changes necessary for the growth and development of our group are as follows: -November 1980.

Article 1 Added: The Toronto Medical Libraries Group shall be a chapter of the Canadian Health Libraries Association.

Article 3 Added: The membership fee shall be established by a majority of members present at a meeting.

Article 4 Added: President - omit Chairman
President-Elect/Program Coordinator
Past President/Historian
Treasurer
Secretary

Article 5 Added: New duties of above executive committee

Article 6 Added: Four meetings shall be held each year, plus a Christmas Social

With all of the changes taking place, the first notice to the members in Sept. 1980 consisted of a) a letter advising of the change of Officer's; b) a Membership Application for 1980-81; c) a New Constitution (showing changes); d) Workshop Announcements?; e) an Invitation to our first meeting - Oct. 20, 1980. Each of these items were printed on a different coloured paper, which made each announcement outstanding and easily accessible to each member. The response from this mailing was excellent and showed the enthusiasm and the interest of the health science librarians in the Toronto area. To date, our membership has escalated from 90 members for 1979-80 to 131 at the end of May 1981.

A total of five Executive Meetings were held, prior to our scheduled four meetings and our Christmas Social. Each of these Executive meetings consisted of a Team Effort which provided added enthusiasm and stimulation to our group as a whole. Without this extra effort and cooperation of the Committee it would not have been possible to provide the interesting, informative and enjoyable programmes as follows.

First Meeting: October 20, 1980 - We were hosted by Canebisco Subscription Service. A presentation was given by the General Manager, Mr. Frank Turton and refreshments were served by his staff.

F.Y.I. In November 1980, the Toronto Medical Libraries Group celebrated it's fifteenth anniversary, which we celebrated as follows:-

- Christmas Social: December 15, 1980 - We celebrated our fifteenth anniversary at Wellesley Place (a Historical Home of Toronto). It was a gala affair, with some of the original members present and Eileen Bradley cut the cake, which commemorated the occasion. A lovely booklet which was stamped "Toronto Medical Libraries Group, 15th Anniversary" depicting "Christmas Customs" was given to each member present. An enjoyable and memorable evening for everyone.
- Second Meeting: January 19, 1981 - We were hosted by Ms. Gwyneth Heaton & her staff of the University of Toronto, Science & Medicine Library. The subject for the evening was "Introduction to Medline" and "Group Discussion of Medlars". These sessions were presented by the staff for the "Introduction to Medline" and by: -Claire Callaghan of the Chiropractic College, Linda McFarlane, Sunnybrook Med. Centre, Carol Morrison, Ontario Cancer Institute and Elizabeth Uleryk of the McMaster University, "Group Discussion of Medlars". A most enjoyable and informative evening. Refreshments were served by the staff.
- Third Meeting: March 16, 1981 - We were hosted by Miss Eleanor Hayes and her staff of the Mount Sinai Hospital Library. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Helen Krafchik, NR., of Warner-Lambert Canada Inc., and the subject for the evening was "Stress & How to Cope With It". Refreshments were served by the staff. A very informative evening.
- Fourth Meeting: May 11, 1981 - Was held at the University Women's Club of Toronto and sponsored by Miss Edith Jarvi - A beautiful place and a lovely dinner. Our guest speaker for the evening was "Mrs. Pat Adams" Pres. of Tri-Com Communications. Our subject was "Women in Management". An excellent and most enjoyable evening. As a gesture of appreciation, the floral arrangement for the head table was presented to our hostess.
- Union List: With our Annual Notice - The Following Announcements:
- 1) The present Union List of the Toronto Medical Libraries Group, consists of approximately 40 contributing libraries in the Toronto area as of 1979. It is now in progress of revision and to date there are 52 contributing libraries, giving us access to more than 3000 titles.
 - 2) The first Nomination's form of the Toronto Medical Libraries Group for nominee's to the Executive Committee was well received with 2 nominee's for President-Elect, 2 for Secretary and 2 for Treasurer. A very good response for the first attempt, with many interested members for future. Our New Executive for the 1981-82 season are:
 President: Elizabeth Reid, Toronto Western Hosp. Lib'y
 Pres.-Elect: Carol Morrison, Ontario Cancer Inst. Lib'y

Past President: Edna Allen, Warner-Lambert Reference Lib'y
 Secretary: Sandra Langlands, Univ. of Toronto, Science
 and Medicine Library
 Treasurer: Margaret Robins, Women's College Hosp. Lib'y

Workshops/Seminars: Arrangements for 2 Workshops/Seminars were made:-

November 22, 1980- "Time Management/Effective Leadership" seminar, held at the Town & Country Restaurant, conducted by Mr. Robert Boyd. Good attendance, and a very worthwhile seminar.

February 28, 1981 - "Employee Coaching and Counselling Techniques", conducted by Mr. Robert Boyd. Reasonable attendance and a most informative seminar.

President's Note:

When accepting the responsibility of the position of President of the Toronto Medical Libraries Group in August 1980, I immediately set myself three goals. They were, to accept the CHALLENGE, to see a GROWTH and to fulfill my COMMITMENT. With the continuous support and assistance from the Executive Committee members I feel that I have met my goals.

a) The CHALLENGE was met, when accepting the position of President of the group. (Instead of going out, I should just be coming in).

b) The GROWTH shows in our membership figures from 1979-80 to 1980-81 season, an increase of 41 members.

c) The COMMITMENT - I feel that I have accomplished this, by attending all of the Executive Meetings, General Meetings, and assisted in every capacity that has been expected of me. I would do it again if the opportunity should arise.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edna Allen
 President

OTTAWA/HULL HEALTH LIBRARIES GROUP

1. Membership and Executive

The 1980-81 executive were: President - Margaret Taylor (Children's Hospital); Vice-President - Dianne Kharouba (CISTI); Secretary - Sheila Dyne (Queensway-Carleton Hospital).

The mailing list was brought up to date this year so that only 'interested' members and non-members received the mailings and only one mailing was made per institution. Attendance at meetings varied from 12 to 20 with members attending from 16 different institutions including government libraries (3), university libraries (1), hospital libraries (8) and association or special libraries (4).

2. Meetings

In 1980-81, 6 meetings were held during the year. Most meetings were held from 14:00 to 16:00 hours on Thursdays. Host institutions included: CHEO, CISTI, Canadian Nurses' Association, Canadian Medical Association, Health and Welfare and the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

3. Business Discussed at Meetings

The major items of discussion were:

- a. OPL/CHLA Subcommittee: This subcommittee conducted most of its business through the two co-chairpersons, Lynn Legate from OPL and Margaret Taylor from CHEO. This year, the OPL prepared a detailed directory of local health libraries to assist in appropriate referrals and also began to regularly mail to the Ottawa/Hull Health Libraries Group, the health accessions lists for the public library system.
- b. Alta/Vista Subcommittee: This committee was inactive most of the year due partly to the fact that the Ottawa Health Sciences Centre, Inc., the Alta/Vista site administration, was not ready to give any input or direction to shared library services on the site, and also due partly to the fact that there was no representative available for the University of Ottawa. When the new Vanier Librarian for the university is appointed, the subcommittee will resume its meetings.
- c. UTLAS: Utlas was of such great interest to members of the group, that it was decided to invite UTLAS to make a formal presentation at one of the OHHLG meetings. Most of the interest from the group was in the Catsaver Package and in the consortium applications of UTLAS.
- d. Change of Name: As is already apparent, the name of this group was changed by ballot from the CHLA Ottawa/Hull Chapter back to its original name - the Ottawa/Hull Health Libraries Group. We, of course, are still the Ottawa/Hull Chapter of CHLA but we now have a unique name as well.
- e. McAinsh Union List: There was some discussion and interest shown in the union list of serials prepared by the McAinsh Company for their clients in the Ottawa/Hull area.
- f. Circulation Policies: Several members commented on the lack of common policies regarding fines and loan periods among the teaching hospitals in the area. There were plans made to approach the Library Committees of these hospitals to request consistent policies so that students, interns and residents could expect similar treatment from all hospital libraries.
- g. Doreen Fraser's History of Health Libraries....: The request from Professor Fraser to assist in the preparation of this history was given considerable attention by the group. Several members of the group and also local librarians not in the group were approached by the executive on her behalf.
- h. ACMC Bibliography: Maurice Alarie reported on the decision of the ACMC librarians to prepare a consumer health bibliography. This listing will be prepared by librarians across Canada and will include materials in both official languages. Two of the OHHLG members - Mrs. Taylor and Miss Dolan - as well as Maurice will be contributing sections to the list.
- i. CHLA & MLA Conferences: Mrs. Taylor gave regular reports to the group on the plans for these two meetings in Montreal. Members were encouraged to attend and to participate if possible. Mrs. Taylor was responsible for the program and Miss Solomon and Mrs. Ng agreed to lead group sessions. Many other members planned to attend.
- j. CISTI & OHA Region 9 Hospital Libraries Group: The activities of these two organizations were regularly reported by Bonnie Stableford and Anne Lebrun, respectively. Of special interest was the OHA Region 9 HLG Workshop

held in May in Ottawa with special guest speaker - Beatrice Robinow from McMaster University.

4. Guest Speakers

The OHHLG was very fortunate to have 5 guest speakers this year:

Denise Zarn: Denise, a UTLAS representative, came to the September meeting and spoke on the many services and packages offered by UTLAS to individual and group members.

James Feeley: Jim, the Director of Operations at Telidon, came to the November meeting and introduced the group to Telidon and to its many applications for libraries. Jim also gave an excellent slide presentation.

Douglas Thompson: Mr. Thompson, from the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, was one of two speakers at the January meeting. His talk was on indexing and abstracting services and also on the activities of the C. Ph. A. He also left the group with many informative hand-outs.

Martha Stone: It was a great pleasure to welcome the national CHLA President to the January meeting. Martha spoke on the activities of the CHLA/ABSC and about the responsibilities of its members. She also gave a very interesting report on the 4th International Congress on Medical Librarianship which was held in Belgrade in 1980.

Dr. Selwyn Smith: Dr. Smith, who is the Chief of Psychiatry at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, came to the March meeting and told the group about the organization, background and services of the hospital. He also gave an insightful talk about government funding for these services.

5. Executive for 1981-82

The Executive for the upcoming year are:

President: Doris Foster (Queensway-Carleton Hospital)
Vice-President: Dianne Kharouba (CISTI)
Secretary: Sheila Dyne (Queensway-Carleton Hospital)

We thank Dianne and Sheila for continuing their efforts and also welcome and give our best wishes to Doris in her new role as President.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Taylor
President

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

1. Membership and Executive

Thirty-one individuals from seventeen institutions were current members. Hospital, university, government and public libraries were represented as well as the Dalhousie School of Nursing and Dalhousie School of Library Service (faculty representation). The executive for 1980-81 were: President, Linda Harvey (Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University); Vice-President, Verona Hall (Camp Hill Hospital Library); Secretary, Donna Jensen (Kellogg Library Dalhousie); Past-President, Anitra Laycock (Health Sciences Library Halifax Infirmary); BMC Correspondent, Bill Owen (Kellogg Library, Dalhousie).

2. Meetings

Eight meetings were held during the past year. A number of guest speakers have addressed the group on such topics as health education programmes of the N. S. Dept. of Health, patient education in the hospital, new trends in A/V hardware and budgeting. Members gave presentations on nursing literature, history of health librarianship in Canada and CHLA/MLA programmes. Visits were made to two member institutions, the Nova Scotia Dept. of Health Library and the Dartmouth General Hospital Library. A highlight of this year's activities was the joint sponsorship by NSHLA with the Halifax Library Association and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association of a mid-winter conference on Health Information for the Library User. Several members were involved in planning and four members contributed as panel speakers to the programme. Plans for summer 1981 include visits to the Abbie Lane Hospital Library and the College of Pharmacy Library, Dalhousie, as well as reports on CHLA/MLA, Montreal, and on drug information sources.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Harvey
President

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ONTARIO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS

The Ontario Psychiatric Hospital Librarians and a representative from the Ministry of Health Library met at St Thomas Psychiatric Hospital on April 9 & 10, 1981 for their fifth annual meeting.

Elizabeth Evans, from Whitby Psychiatric Hospital, presented an informative paper on collecting and organizing hospital archival materials. Special care and treatment is necessary for these articles: acid free containers, diffused light or preferably dark, regulated humidity and temperature, etc. Elizabeth has been designated the hospital archivist and as you can imagine, has a full time job ahead of her.

Dr. Margaret Banks and Mrs. Marianne Welch of the Law Library, University of Western Ontario, discussed the legal materials most necessary and helpful in a psychiatric hospital. Many misconceptions regarding legal materials were clarified. Use of various legal materials was explained and their relative values expounded.

Nancy Beer outlined the various library programs available for patients at St Thomas Psychiatric Hospital. Included in this discussion was the philosophy behind the programs, the nature of the programs and their difficulties and rewards. The scope of her job made it plain to all that a patients librarian is a very busy person indeed.

Several business topics were discussed. Pat Heatley of Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre was designated our 1981/82 chairman.

JOB OPENING

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA LIBRARIES

The Medical Library, situated on the Health Sciences Campus, is one of the few units of the library system that has a full range of public services and technical services of acquisitions, serials, and cataloguing. The Medical Library serves over 3,500 staff and students in the Faculty of Medicine, the School of Medical Rehabilitation, and the major teaching hospitals. It extends full service to all physicians registered in the Province of Manitoba. Its collection of 72,000 volumes and 1,300 current periodicals forms the only major resource in the Medical Sciences for the province.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL LIBRARIAN

The Assistant Medical Librarian, who reports to the Head, Medical Library, has primary responsibility for the automation of the Library's public and technical service operations and for the provision of computerized search services. Responsibility is also held for collection development. In the absence of the Head, the incumbent is responsible for the overall operation of the medical library.

Qualifications:

A degree from an accredited library school, with an undergraduate degree in a biological science or related field. MLA certification would be an asset. Experience at a senior level, preferably in a Life Sciences or Special Library, and knowledge of computer systems and on-line searching required. Personal qualifications of initiative, tact, judgement and resourcefulness and proven ability to work effectively with staff and users at all levels.

The University encourages applications from women and men and especially from Canadian citizens, permanent residents and others eligible for employment in Canada.

Salary:

Beginning salary and rank dependent upon qualifications and experience, but not less than \$19,000. There is a two year probationary period.

Curriculum vitae together with the names of three references should be submitted by August 15, 1981 to:

Marilyn J. Sharrow
Director of Libraries
Elizabeth Dafoe Library
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2.

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

- JAN GREENWOOD

Many readers of the BMC will be familiar with Sheila Maxwell's Manual which was published in 1972. A long overdue revision of this valuable handbook was begun by my predecessor, Pamela Avis Pollock, and I am hopeful that it can be in print by the fall of this year if all goes smoothly.

The primary focus of the Manual is the small, rural hospital library that lacks trained staff and ready access to other information sources. For this reason it would seem appropriate for me to append a list of health information resource centres in Canada to which such staff could turn for help (of a moral or practical nature!). Please respond, as soon as possible, by means of the following form (or by letter) if you are willing to provide information or expertise to hospital library personnel in your region.

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A HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY BASIC MANUAL

to: Jan Greenwood, librarian
Ontario Medical Association
240 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario M5R 2P4

Name of contact person and/or
title of position:

Name of Institution/Organization:
address:

Services able to provide:

Any charges:

- JAN GREENWOOD, ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TORONTO, ONT.

FROM THE HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE, CISTI

- BONITA STABLEFORD

In this report, I would like to summarize the activities of the Health Sciences Resource Centre during the past year, 1980/81.

STAFFING

Staff changes in HSRC are one of the highlights of 1980/81, with a complete turnover in staff in all 3 positions. Ms. Deborah Baillie joined HSRC as Medical Reference Librarian, replacing Mr. Anthony Cheung. As you are aware, Ms. Eve-Marie Lacroix accepted the position as Head of Information Services for CISTI and I was appointed Head, HSRC effective the end of October 1980. Since that time, the position of Medline Coordinator has been vacant. HSRC has continued to offer only slightly reduced services during the past 8 months, operating with only 2/3 of its staff. Even after extensive advertising across Canada, we found that there were few applicants who met all of the requirements. An offer was made to one candidate in February, who had to refuse the position for personal reasons.

Ms. Fleurette Grégoire has accepted the position as Medline Coordinator effective July 6, 1981. Fleurette graduated from the Université de Montréal in 1970 with a BSc in biochemistry. She also attended teachers college and received her M.L.S. from Université de Montréal. Fleurette is currently working in CISTI's Reference section, and she is an experienced searcher in the major online systems. Her previous work experience includes bibliographic searching in CISTI's ILL department, work in a hospital immunology laboratory and teaching chemistry at the high school level.

CANADIAN MEDLARS PROGRAM

There are currently 115 MEDLARS centres in Canada and the number of centres has grown by 28% during the past year. A significant change in the distribution of centres by type of organization has also occurred, with a reduction in the percentage of centres in government and academic settings. Growth has been most dramatic in the hospital and industrial sectors. There are now 24 hospitals in 6 provinces with Medline codes, as compared with 15 hospitals in 4 provinces last year. The industrial sector has grown from 15% to 19% of total codes, but their usage remains low. HSRC has received several requests for codes from medical researchers for private codes and 1 code has now been assigned to an individual. We have assigned all available codes and we have asked NLM for additional codes. NLM has agreed to meet future Canadian code requirements as they occur.

Use of MEDLARS in connect hours has increased by an unprecedented 33.5% for a total of almost 5,000 hours. Monthly usage has surpassed the milestone of 500 hours for each of the last 3 months and usage is expected to grow at these rapid rates during the next several years.

Demands on our training program continue to be heavy. HSRC staff trained a total of 217 persons in 27 seminars last year. The training program was formally evaluated for the first time in 1980 and results show that the vast majority of attendees considered that the course fully met their objectives. Most attendees strongly suggested lengthening the course to allow for more online practice sessions.

Effective January 1st, 1981 the introductory course has been increased to 4 days. The evaluations also indicate the need for introductory courses to be held across Canada, similar to CAN/OLE courses. Introductory training courses are now being given outside of Ottawa for a one-year experimental period. Courses are subject to demand and can only be given where there are adequate facilities with sufficient terminals for practical sessions. Courses have already been held in Calgary, Hamilton and Toronto; additional courses are planned for Vancouver, Windsor, Montreal, Halifax, Regina and Edmonton.

HSRC staff were invited to participate as guest lecturers in an abbreviated NLM training course for American searchers. The course was held in conjunction with MLA in Montreal and HSRC staff taught the sections for the Medline and Health Planning databases. This unprecedented invitation to non-American trainers demonstrates clearly the ongoing and effective cooperation between CISTI and NLM.

NLM has recently made the POPLINE file available to Canadian centres. POPLINE (Population Information Online) covers the international literature dealing with population studies and family planning. This includes research in human fertility and contraception, family planning programs and related health, legal and policy issues. HSRC will review CISTI's collection for titles covered in POPLINE during the next few months.

HSRC PUBLICATIONS

The eleventh edition of Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for Medline has recently been published. It contains locations and holdings for all Medline titles, as well as additional titles from the HEALTH database. CISTI itself holds 2,379 titles of the over 3,000 titles listed.

The revised edition of the directory of health science libraries, Health Sciences Information in Canada: Libraries has been delayed due to staff shortages. The project has been approved and a new survey of libraries planned. The revised edition is scheduled for publication in 1981/82.

The HSRC Advisory Committee has identified the need for a listing of currently published Canadian biomedical serials, as well as the need for a listing of Canadian health-related associations. HSRC staff have done a pilot study to evaluate these projects. To date, a card file containing approximately 1,100 health-related associations has been developed. This file has proven useful to answer reference queries concerning associations; please contact HSRC if you have questions for which this file may be useful. These projects have been evaluated by CISTI management; due to resource requirements these projects will not be completed in the current fiscal year.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Due to ever-increasing demands for information in the fields of toxicology and industrial medicine, HSRC is involved in a review of CISTI's holdings in these subjects. Significant titles for which there are no Canadian locations are being identified and CISTI will cooperate with other major libraries, such as Health and Welfare Canada and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, to ensure availability of these titles.

- B. STABLEFORD, HEAD, HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE, CISTI.

NOUVELLES DU CENTRE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES SCIENCES DE LA SANTE (ICIST)

- B. STABLEFORD

Ce rapport résume les activités du Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé au cours de l'année dernière, 1980/81.

PERSONNEL

Les changements dans le personnel du CBSS comptent parmi les faits saillants de l'année dernière, étant donné qu'il y a eu un renouvellement complet des trois postes. Deborah Baillie a remplacé Anthony Cheung au poste de bibliothécaire médicale du CBSS. Comme vous le savez, Eve-Marie Lacroix a accepté le poste de Chef des Services d'information de l'ICIST et j'ai accepté de diriger le CBSS à la fin d'octobre 1980. Depuis ce temps, le poste de coordonnateur de MEDLINE est resté vacant.

Etant donné que le CBSS a dû fonctionner avec seulement les deux tiers de son effectif pendant huit mois, il a dû offrir des services quelque peu réduits. Après avoir fait paraître des annonces dans l'ensemble du Canada, il appert que très peu de candidats possèdent la formation nécessaire pour occuper ce poste. Le poste de coordonnateur a été offert à un candidat au mois de février, mais ce dernier l'a refusé pour des raisons personnelles.

Fleurette Grégoire a accepté de combler le poste de coordonnateur de MEDLINE et entrera finalement en fonction le 6 juillet 1981. Fleurette a obtenu un B.Sc. en biochimie de l'université de Montréal en 1970. Elle a fait aussi des études dans un collège d'éducation et a reçu une M. Bibl. de l'Université de Montréal. Fleurette travaillait dans la Section de référence de l'ICIST et possède ainsi une bonne expérience des principaux systèmes d'interrogation en direct. Elle a déjà travaillé comme chercheuse dans la Section des prêts-entre-bibliothèques de l'ICIST, a occupé un poste dans un laboratoire hospitalier d'immunologie et a enseigné la chimie dans une école secondaire.

PROGRAMME MEDLARS AU CANADA

Il existe présentement 115 centres MEDLARS au Canada, ce qui représente une augmentation de 28% sur l'année dernière. Un changement révélateur s'est aussi produit dans la répartition des centres par genre d'organisme, notamment une diminution du pourcentage de centres dans les milieux gouvernemental et universitaire. La croissance a été la plus forte dans les secteurs hospitalier et industriel. Il existe maintenant 24 hôpitaux dans 6 provinces dotés chacun d'un code MEDLINE, comparativement à 15 hôpitaux dans 4 provinces l'année dernière. Au total, les codes assignés au secteur industriel sont passés de 15 à 19%, mais leur usage n'est pas encore très élevé. Le CBSS a reçu un bon nombre de demandes de code privé par des chercheurs dans le domaine médical et un code a maintenant été assigné à un particulier. Nous avons assigné tous les codes disponibles et demandé des codes additionnels à la NIM. Celle-ci a accepté d'accéder aux demandes canadiennes de code à mesure qu'elles seront formulées.

Les heures de connexion avec MEDLARS ont atteint un pourcentage sans précédent de 33.5%, pour un total d'environ 5,000 heures. L'utilisation mensuelle a franchi le cap des 500 heures au cours des trois derniers mois et devrait continuer de s'accroître rapidement au cours des prochaines années.

Les demandes de cours de formation sont toujours aussi nombreuses. Le personnel du CBSS a entraîné 217 personnes (27 séminaires) au cours de l'année passée. Le

programme de formation a été évalué officiellement pour la première fois en 1980 et les résultats démontrent que la vaste majorité des participants considère que le cours atteint pleinement ses objectifs. La plupart des participants recommandent de prolonger la durée des cours afin de permettre plus d'heures de pratique en direct. A compter du 1er janvier 1981, le cours élémentaire sera porté à 4 jours. Les évaluations ont aussi démontré que les cours élémentaires devraient être donnés dans l'ensemble du Canada, comme pour les cours offerts par CAN/OLE. Des cours de formation élémentaire sont désormais donnés à l'extérieur d'Ottawa pour une période d'essai d'un an. Les cours dépendent de la demande et peuvent être donnés seulement où des installations adéquates existent déjà, comme un nombre suffisant de terminaux pour les séances pratiques. Des séances de formation ont été tenues à Calgary, Hamilton, et Toronto; des cours additionnels sont projetés à Vancouver, Windsor, Montréal, Halifax, Regina et Edmonton.

Les membres du personnel du CBSS ont participé, en tant que conférenciers invités, à un cours abrégé de formation de la NLM à l'intention des chercheurs américains. Le cours a été donné en collaboration avec la MLA à Montréal et le personnel du CBSS s'occupa des sections concernant les bases de données MEDLINE et Planification - santé. Cette première invitation lancée à des conférenciers non-américains démontre clairement la coopération suivie et efficace entre l'ICIST et la NLM.

La NLM a récemment mis à la disposition des centres canadiens le fichier POPLINE (Population Information Online). Il englobe la documentation mondiale traitant des études de population et de planification familiale, y compris la fertilité, la contraception ainsi que les questions de santé, de droit et de politiques connexes. Au cours des prochains mois, le CBSS révisera les titres de la collection de l'ICIST se trouvant déjà dans POPLINE.

PUBLICATIONS DU CBSS

La onzième édition des "Dépôts canadiens des revues indexées pour MEDLINE" a récemment été publiée. Elle renferme une liste des endroits et des collections de tous les titres MEDLINE, de même que des titres additionnels tirés de la base de données HEALTH (Santé). L'ICIST détient à même sa collection 2,379 titres des 3,000 titres et plus figurant au fichier.

L'édition révisée du répertoire des bibliothèques des sciences de la santé intitulée "Information en sciences de la santé: bibliothèques", a subi un retard à cause d'un manque de personnel. Le projet a reçu l'approbation et un nouveau recensement des bibliothèques est prévu. L'édition révisée devrait paraître en 1981-82.

Le Comité consultatif du CBSS a identifié le besoin d'une liste des revues biomédicales publiées présentement au Canada. Le personnel du CBSS a fait une étude pilote afin d'évaluer des projets. A ce jour, un fichier d'environ 1,100 associations a été compilé. Ce fichier s'est avéré utile pour répondre à des demandes de renseignements concernant les associations; veuillez communiquer avec le CBSS pour de plus amples renseignements concernant ce fichier. L'administration de l'ICIST a passé en revue ces projets et à cause d'un manque de fonds ils ne seront pas complétés au cours du présent exercice financier.

RAFFERMISSEMENT DE LA COLLECTION

A cause d'une demande toujours croissante d'information dans les domaines de la toxicologie et de la médecine industrielle, le CBSS révisé présentement la documentation à ces sujets dans la collection de L'ICIST. De nombreux titres pour lesquels il n'

existe pas de dépôt canadien seront identifiés et l'ICST collaborera avec les autres bibliothèques d'importance tel que Santé et Bien-être social Canada et le Centre canadien de santé et sécurité au travail afin de trouver ces titres manquants.

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PEDIATRIC LIBRARIANS ARE ACTIVE

A meeting was held Tuesday Morning, June 2, at Hôpital Sainte-Justine, during MLA's annual meeting in Montreal. The participants decided to form a special interest group. Louis-Luc Lecompte has been named as the group coordinator and Margaret Taylor, the editor of a Newsletter to be published two times a year (September and March).

Among the projects for 1981-82: a pediatric union list (Margaret Wold; a pediatric core list (Lucienne St-Martin and Michele Klein); a list of pediatric consumer health information program (Dorothy Gilroy); also, a large scale survey of pediatric libraries in United States and Canada is scheduled for the autumn 1981, and will be conducted by L. L. Lecompte and Margaret Moutseous. Anyone interested in joining the groupe, please write to:

Louis-Luc Lecompte,
Centre d'information sur la santé de l'Enfant
Hôpital Sainte-Justine
3175, chemin Ste-Catherine,
Montreal, Qué. H3T 1C5

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The American Osler Society had its Annual meeting at McMaster University on May 11, 1981. Osler's early association with Dundas and Hamilton was highlighted in talks and displays.

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A workshop on the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) databases will be held at the McMaster Health Sciences Center, Room 2J-13, 10 a.m. June 8, 1981. The IDRC database includes a number of different databases from such organizations as UNESCO, ILO and FAO and focuses on literature about developing countries.

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SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL

Gale Moore, University of Toronto, has been awarded a SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) grant to undertake a research project on the information needs of those engaged in research on aging. The project is concerned with information transfer in an inter/multidisciplinary environment and the information-seeking behaviour of the researchers in such an environment. It is hoped that the results will provide prerequisite planning data for the development of an information system. The project is being carried out in cooperation with the Programme in Gerontology.

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A new brochure describing the services, facilities and publications of the Helen K. Mussallem Library is now available upon request from the H. K. Mussallem Library, Canadian Nurses Association, 50 Driveway, Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1E2.

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The Health Sciences Library is now integrated with total college collection in a new building. Gloria Reinbergs, head of the Learning Resources Center is on a two-year leave of absence to set up library services in Plateau State, Nigeria. Until September 1983, her place is being taken by E. Mary Mahoney.

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Sudi Sedani, Reference Librarian at the University of Toronto Science and Medicine Library, has taken over from Dorothy Fitzgerald from the Canadian Library of Family Medicine as Ontario Correspondent for Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana, as of June 1981.

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At St Thomas Psychiatric Hospital, Faith Dufour has been appointed new Patient's Librarian to replace Nancy Beer who transferred to the Ministry of Health Library, Toronto.

JOURNÉE D'ÉTUDE DE LA SECTION SANTÉ DE L'ASTED

- PIERRETTE DUBUC

La présentation de Monique Légère de l'ACDI sur la mesure de performance dans une bibliothèque a suscité un vif intérêt parmi les participants à la journée d'étude du mardi, 26 mai dernier.

Pour mesurer la performance, il faut d'abord fixer ses objectifs, préciser les moyens à prendre pour les réaliser, trouver les éléments de l'activité quotidienne qui sont mesurables et décider de tenir des statistiques. Mais pourquoi veut-on mesurer la performance? Mme Légère s'est engagée dans ce processus parce qu'elle s'est trouvée en charge d'une bibliothèque en difficulté de croissance et qu'il lui fallait analyser la situation.

Pour cela, elle devait d'abord: a) connaître le mandat de l'organisation qu'elle desservait et les objectifs poursuivis afin de relier aussi étroitement que possible les activités de la bibliothèque aux objectifs de l'organisation; b) rationaliser la collection en fonction des besoins des usagers; c) déterminer les services à offrir en fonction du personnel disponible.

Vint ensuite la nécessité de vérifier la validité de ses décisions ce qui veut dire décider des statistiques à tenir afin de mesurer la performance.

Mme Légère signale les avantages du relevé des statistiques:

1. C'est un instrument pratique qui sert à mesurer la réalisation des buts et l'utilisation des ressources humaines
2. Avec les données quantitatives aux différents niveaux des activités, il est plus facile de prendre des décisions sur la répartition des ressources
3. Les données aident à justifier les dépenses actuelles et futures.
4. Face aux coupures budgétaires, les données permettent au gestionnaire de faire le choix logique en ce qui a trait aux activités, aux services, au personnel.
5. Le gestionnaire acquiert une bonne perception de toutes les opérations de son organisme.

L'important est d'évaluer ses priorités. Il ne faut pas s'absorber dans les statistiques au point où l'on n'a plus le temps nécessaire pour faire sa tâche correctement! Les statistiques sont un indicateur seulement. Certaines activités ne peuvent être quantifiées: par exemple, comment mesurer l'efficacité d'un bulletin de nouveautés? D'autres peuvent prendre plus d'une année à fournir des indices mesurables. Il faut se méfier d'appliquer des méthodes de mesure qui sont trop complexes: il en résulte des coûts trop élevés pour le maintien du système.

Tout en présentant ces principes, Mme Légère réfère à ses propres expériences et n'hésite pas à signaler les erreurs qui ont été commises et qu'il faut éviter. Le dialogue avec l'assistance s'établit rapidement et facilement. Afin de mieux suivre l'exposé, il est entendu qu'une copie des notes et des tableaux projetés sur l'écran sera remise à chacun des participants. Un exercice pratique terminait la journée.

L'étude des mesures de performance provoque une prise de conscience du rôle du gestionnaire de la bibliothèque. Même s'il est seul en charge de ses opérations et que la tenue des statistiques paraisse un surcroît de travail, il a été démontré que c'est là un outil de communication des plus efficaces pour faire comprendre à son supérieur immédiat la nature du travail qu'il accomplit et son importance au moins quantitative!

NEUROSIS AND THE JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION

- PATRICK J. FAWCETT AND BARBARA E. HENWOOD

A journal subscription, according to popular legend, is something which enables a library to order a particular title from a specific publisher for a fixed sum of money payable in a straightforward manner. In return, the library can expect a regular delivery of segments of said title, published in a serialized, labelled fashion.

Popular legends are obviously suffering in the re-telling...

The authors recently conducted an exhaustive survey of three and one half librarians (counting each other no more than once) and discovered that journal subscriptions rank second only to redecorating as the chief cause of violence in the home. Journal subscriptions, we found, are about as popular as having a relative who sells Amway.

Why is this, we asked ourselves in the cunningly rhetorical style of two authors desperate for a means of getting an article underway. What causes otherwise normally-behaving library staff to stomp around disclaiming loud similarities between journal subscriptions and farmyard manure? How can such a simple thing as a journal renewal force a seemingly pleasant and mild-mannered staffer to grab the family cat one night and tie knots in its tail? What sinister elements reside in serials to seduce timid library assistants into sprinkling kerosene in the kardex while singing "C'mon, Baby, Light My Fire"?

Beats us.

We naturally began our survey of this problem with an intensive study of the literature. After several hours of collaborative effort, this phase was abruptly terminated by a dispute over who got to read "The Wizard of Id" first. This was resolved in a calm, academic fashion when one member of the team swept up the remaining literature and locked herself in the bathroom while the other half went to sulk in a corner of the basement and throw darts at the cat.

Eventually, we got around to talking to some people...

There are, we learned, only two things wrong with journal subscriptions: ordering them and getting them.

The ordering phase begins with the foolish notion that some publisher is willing to receive and process our request. An even absurder notion is the thought that Postes Canada Post will deliver our order to the publisher or agent in a fast and efficient manner. Most librarians viewed this prospect with the same enthusiasm as drawing the Winnipeg Jets in the Stanley Cup office pool.

Then comes the Big Wait. No invoice arrives. The first issue fails to appear. Our fingernails begin to atrophy from alternately chewing them off or drumming out "Another One Bites the Dust" on the desk top. After a decent interval, our first claim notice is dispatched. After an indecent interval, the second and third claims are sent. Where possible, we then place a polite phone call, followed by several impolite phone calls. Finally, only seventeen years after the order was placed, a response is received.

It's a form letter.

The letter cheerfully explains that on the day our order was received at the publishers, it was whisked off to be offered up to The Computer (the image is one of gold, feathers and Aztec rituals). Just as the papers slid gracefully into the great maw of the machine, it smiled, closed its eyes, and chewed contentedly. Alas, they regret to inform us that our order was lost.

It could have been worse. At least we weren't invoiced.

Being invoiced for journals that were never even ordered, much less received, was a minor complaint in the litany of comments our survey received. The chief cause of hypertension was the fact that nobody, either in the publishers' offices or your own institution, ever accepts responsibility for those funny magazines we

try to buy. All along the subscription trail, the blame gets passed more frequently than the orders. This is especially the case in a centralized ordering situation.

A central order office, usually found in hospitals and universities but now appearing in more areas where the inefficiency and chaos were too low, is a unique form of curse which predates even computers. It is this office which forbids you to order a journal title without first requesting competitive bids. It is this office which insists that you buy all your journals in Canada because of the unfavourable exchange rate in the US or UK. And only this office would possess the unique brilliance to suggest you complete a part-order-receipt form for each issue of every journal you are getting.

A special joy endemic to serials is that once you have successfully battled the post office, publishers, and peons in the central office and have triumphantly placed your orders, the day soon arrives when you have to renew the darn things. Here you discover a whole armload of anonymous faces who have been trying to help you in your struggles. You discover the mailroom clerk who, finding loose renewal coupons on the floor, thoughtfully mailed them back to the publishers and neglected to tell you. You also find a departmental secretary has taken the authorized journal agency renewal form which lists numerous titles and sent it to the publisher of the first journal on the list. And who could forget that paragon of efficiency in materials management who amalgamates all the Current Contents subscriptions and in the process arranges to have them arrive at the wrong receiving bay so they will languish for nine months under wooden pallets loaded with saline solution, tons of food, and new sod for the university's multi-year landscaping project.

After ordering or renewing journals, the next most unpleasant thing is getting them. When you receive a journal, there is an overpowering urge (quite widespread throughout the profession) to record exactly what you've got. This means nothing somewhere that issue number XX of journal YY is clutched in your trembling paws, and, once emblazoned with your library's stamp, remains yours forever. Or until it's stolen.

Oh, really?

First off, there's no guarantee that journal YY will remain, ever was, or even is YY. It may be ABC or XYZ and labels itself YY only because the graphic artist who designed the cover was startled in the womb by a serials librarian. Secondly, the issue number may also be ruse. On many occasions, the cover number does not coincide with the title page, and neither of these may match the page footers. Some times, the issue number is a repeat of an earlier one, indicating that the publisher enjoyed such success with the former issue that he's decided to name this one in its honour. (A disgusting practice, no doubt, but one even the BMC has stooped to in the past - - see I, 17).

And finally, there's the journal issues that are formally announced and correctly numbered but never published so that the kardex winds up recording not only garbage but ghosts as well. Is it any wonder that library staff so often turn to spirits for comfort?

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